



Officer Supt Ind Affs  
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Sir

After carefully considering the application made  
by you and your friend for permission to visit  
the ~~east~~ reservation and across the coast  
as far south as Alaska, I have been forced  
to come to the conclusion that it would be  
highly improper to grant such permit at this  
time. Particularly when these applicants have  
evidence to affirm the object for which  
such visit is intended. The reservation  
is designed for the education and betterment  
of Indians. At a time when so many different  
bands are being located there and  
the mission so easily spoiled. And persons  
of whom there have so recently appeared  
in hostilities against our people, a very  
slight cause might arouse them to  
acts of disobedience and cause us an  
immense amount of trouble and trouble.

You are heartily sorry to see and whilst  
I feel disposed to grant the visit of every  
person I feel as I <sup>must</sup> personally be excused, my  
official duties would not permit me  
in complying with your request. As



It would be dangerous to have the Arizona  
sense of propriety under the circumstances  
I send a newspaper this morning  
to convey you this my desire, and  
express a hope that no attempt will be  
made to suppress the books seri-  
ously dealt in these ~~books~~ - but should  
persons be found so unscrupulous that  
they will be ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~hands~~ <sup>hands</sup> ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> the military  
and act with as ~~dis~~ <sup>dis</sup> ~~tributors~~ <sup>tributors</sup> of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~books~~ <sup>books</sup>.

Respectfully,  
J. P. Palmer  
Capt. 2nd Regt.







